

January 16, 2007

Chris Steen



- The funeral service for Chris Steen, 77, of Groton and formerly of Ipswich, was held January 8, 2007, at the First Baptist Church in Ipswich with military honor guard present. Interment was in the Ipswich City Cemetery.
- Chris was born January 3, 1930 to T.N. "Newt" and Martha (Lindeman) Steen at Ipswich. He graduated from Ipswich High School where he excelled in track and will be remembered for his one-mile run record.
- Chris joined the U.S. Air Force in March of 1951. He was very proud of his service and flew the United States Flag with pride at his residence.
- He married Jeanette Durr in August 18, 1951. While Chris was serving in the Air Force, they moved to Minnea

polis, as he was stationed at Ft. Snelling.

- They returned to Ipswich, where he partnered with his father in Steen Truck Line. He later took over and spent 40 years in the business. During this time he continued his life of public service by serving as the Mayor of Ipswich, as a County Commissioner in Edmunds County, as the county Civil Service Director and the county Veteran's Service Officer.
- Chris was a member of First Baptist Church and also maintained his membership in American Legion Post #67 and the 40 & 8 Voiture Locale #146 for many years.
- He was especially fond of spending time with family and friends, and visiting with everyone, which led him to work for a period of time at Target in Aberdeen. He also enjoyed hunting in previous years. Following his retirement, he and Jeanette traveled the country. Jeanette died in March of 1999.
- He continued to make Ipswich his home before moving to Rosewood Court in Groton. His failing health had recently required more acute care at ManorCare in Aberdeen.
- Chris died Thursday, January 04, 2007 at Avera St. Luke's Hospital in Aberdeen.
- Chris is survived by his two sons, Mike (Judy) Steen of Ipswich and their children Lacey (Chad) Becker and Lonnie and Jeff (LuAnn) Steen of Groton and their children Jennifer and Jordan.
- His parents and wife preceded him in death.
- His funeral arrangements are being handled by Gramm Funeral Home of Ipswich.